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To: Teachers of Science in Grades Six, Seven, and Eight  
From: Bob Pease, K-12 Instructional Technology Specialist  
Date: January 7, 2009  
Re: Free On-Line Multimedia Resources for Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Science

- c. Dr. Kathy Ouellette, Dr. Ann Richardson, Troy Monroe, David Welch, Bruce Thorndike, Robbin Golden, Paul Rippington, Deb Borello, Kate Hull, Dave Mazzotta, Jack McCoy, Gail Myers, Eric Bundy, Ryan Gohla, Paul Lukas, Jorge Calderon

*Discovery Education* offers a large library of award-winning, standards-based, on-line, multimedia resources. The Connecticut Education Network has acquired, at no cost to local school districts, a four-year license for the middle school science materials for all Connecticut middle schools (Grades 6-8). These resources include interactive videos, simulations, virtual labs, and reading passages coupled with real-time assessments of students' progress. *Discovery Education Science* uses an inquiry framework to engage students, encourage exploration, stimulate critical thinking and deepen understanding of science.

I have been told that the Discovery Education website <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/products/science/middle.cfm> is rather intuitive and easy to navigate. The website has a short and easy-to-understand on-line tutorial on how to use the multimedia resources. In addition, I have attached selected pages from a Discovery Education brochure that provides an over view of the use of its on-line media resources.

To access these on-line multimedia resources:

1. Go to [www.discoveryeducation.com](http://www.discoveryeducation.com)
2. Select New User Login and enter your school's passcode:

Bennet Academy (including 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Bentley and MRA)  
**Please ask one of your science colleagues or contact [Lauren Hegenauer](#) if you need your passcode.**

Illing MS (including 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Bentley and MRA)  
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3. Click on Submit to create your username and password

If you need technical support, you may email [education\\_support@discovery.com](mailto:education_support@discovery.com) or call 800-323-9084.

Please let me know if there is anything my office can do to support your use of these resources.